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SUBJ: OAU TRADE MINISTER CONFERENCE AGREES TO PRESS EEC
AGAIN ON EIGHT PRINCIPLES

DEPARTMENT POUCH OAU MEMBER COUNTRIES

REF: BRUSSELS 4305

1. SUMMARY. OAU TRADE MINISTERS MEETING, HELD IN DAR OCTOBER 1-3, AGREED TO PRESS HARD IN COMING NEGOTIATIONS WITH EEC FOR EIGHT PRINCIPLES (REFTEL) AGREED TO AT LAST OAU SUMMIT. MINISTERS ALSO AGREED TO ESTABLISH "AD HOC SERVICING SECRETARIAT UNDER AEGIS OF OAU" BUT STAFFED BY AFRICAN ASSOCIATED AND COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIABLE COUNTRIES. UNACCOUNTABLE ARROGANCE OF OAU DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL YENEKE WHEN ASKED TO READ ROUTINE REPORT PREPARED BY HIS ABSENT CHIEF CAUSED BRIEF IMBROGLIO. END SUMMARY.

2. SUMMARY OF FINAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED OCTOBER 4 OF THREE-DAY
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OAU TRADE MINISTERS CONFERENCE AND OUR COMMENTS FOLLOW:

(A) MINISTERS CONSIDERED REPORT PREPARED BY AFRICAN AMBASSADORS IN BRUSSELS WHICH DISCUSSED FOLLOWING TOPICS: "TRADING SYSTEM, RULES OF ORIGIN, STABILISATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION, RIGHT OF ESTABLISHMENT SERVICES, PAYMENT AND CAPITAL, LEGAL ASPECTS AND INSTITUTIONS."
COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND TRADE MINISTERS COMMENTS ON REPORT WILL BE WOVEN INTO FINAL PAPER AT AMBASSADORIAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 11-12 AND PUT IN FINAL FORM BY OCTOBER 16--DAY BEFORE OPENING NEGOTIATIONS ON OCTOBER 17.

(B) MINISTERS CONSIDERED "RULES OF PROCEDURE THAT WOULD GOVERN NEGOTIATING MACHINERY...(AND) AGREED THAT AD HOC SERVICING SECRETARIAT, UNDER AEGIS OF OAU AND UNDER FUNCTIONAL CONTROL OF NEGOTIATING MACHINERY,SHOULD BE SET UP TO SERVICE NEGOTIATIONS".
COMMENT: KEY WORD IS "AEGIS" AS TRADE MINISTERS COULD NOT AGREE TO ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMITTEE WITHIN OAU STRUCTURE. STAFF OF COMMITTEE IS TO BE DRAWN FROM AFRICAN ASSOCIATED AND COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIABLE COUNTRIES. DJIM SYLLA OF MALI IS MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE TO HEAD SECRETARIAT BUT, ACCORDING TO RESIDENT BBC CORRESPONDENT WHO SPOKE WITH HIM, HE IS LIKELY TO REFUSE APPOINTMENT ON GROUNDS SALARY TOO LOW.

(C) "MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THAT AFRICAN COUNTRIES WOULD, AS DIRECTED BY HEADS OF STATE, NEGOTIATE AS GROUP WITH EEC ON BASIS OF EIGHT PRINCIPLES ADOPTED BY HEADS OF STATE IN ADDIS." (REFTEL). COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT "AFRICAN STATES HAVE NOT AS YET RECEIVED THE EEC'S REACTION TO SOME IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THEIR PRINCIPLES AND IT IS HOPED IN THIS RESPECT THAT EEC WILL MAKE ITS POSITION KNOWN WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE EIGHT PRINCIPLES". COMMENT: CONSENSUS IS THAT SO LONG AS EEC, AS AN INSTITUTION, HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE EIGHT PRINCIPLES, AFRICAN DELEGATION, WHEN IT MEETS WITH EEC OCTOBER 17, SHOULD PRESS HARD FOR FULL REPLY. MAIN OPPOSITION TO EIGHT PRINCIPLES IS EXPECTED TO COME FROM FRANCE. AFRICANS HOPE OTHER EEC MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO CHANGE OR SOFTEN FRENCH POSITION.

3. UNPLESANT INCIDENT DURING FINAL DAY OF MEETING SAW DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL YENEKE, IN UNACCOUNTABLE DISPLAY OF TRUCULENCE, INITIALLY REFUSE TO ACCEDE TO CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUEST TO READ ABSENT OAU SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT.OFFICALLY AGREEING TO READ REPORT, YENEKE DECLINED TO EXPRESS USUAL PROTOCOL SALUTATIONS TO CHAIRMAN AND MINISTERS AND READ REPORT IN WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS AN "ARROGANT MANNER". WHEN DELEGATES EXPRESSED THEIR ANNOYANCE, YENEKE ASKED THEM TO "SHUT UP". IN IMBROGLIO WHICH FOLLOWED, MEETING WAS TEMPORARILY ADJOURNED AND YENEKE EXPELLED FROM MEETING. AFTER CONFERENCE RECONVENED YENEKE, WHO KENYAN NATIONAL, AND KENYAN DELEGATION

APOLOGIZED.

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NOTE BY OC/T: POUCHED ALL OAU MEMBER COUNTRIES.

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